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Free Community Events to Celebrate Public Health Week

Public Health will host a series of Healthy People in Healthy Communities events and a Healthy Pet Expo

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) invites the community to participate in a series of events which will share resources and provide health information during Public Health Week. Join Public Health and attend the Healthy People in Healthy Communities events, and then bring your dog or cat to the Healthy Pet Expo.

“As we celebrate Public Health Week across the nation and in LA County, I encourage everyone to join us at the Health Fairs to receive free health screenings, information on important health topics, resources for services, and have fun with your family and friends,” said Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Interim Health Officer. “Additionally, join us at the Pet Expo and keep your pets healthy to protect families and the community. Each one of us can make healthier lifestyle choices that promote wellness and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.”

The **Community Public Health Fair** will provide free onsite blood lead testing, health information about nutrition, tips for emergency preparedness, resources for health services, and more. This event will be:

Thursday, April 7 - 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bell Gardens Intermediate School (co-hosted with Montebello Unified School District)
5841 Live Oak Street, Bell Gardens, CA 90201

The **Book Fair and Health Expo** will include a book sale, health information booths, tips for nutrition and emergency preparedness, and more. This event is co-hosted with Los Angeles County Public Library. This event will be:

Saturday, April 9 - event times and services may vary by each location.

Locations include libraries in: Bellflower, East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Culver City, Lancaster, Lawndale, West Covina and West Hollywood. For addresses and times, please visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov/phweek.

The **Healthy Pet Expo** will offer cats and dogs free and low-cost vaccines, free spay and neutering, pet adoption, veterinary consultations, free giveaways, and contests (best outfitted dog, coolest trick, and pet owner look-alike). Dogs must be leashed, and cats must be in carriers. For spay and neutering, prior reservation is required; email PetExpo@ph.lacounty.gov to pre-book. This event is co-hosted by the LA County Departments of Public Health, Animal Care and Control, and Parks and Recreation. This event will be:

Saturday, April 16 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Whittier Narrows Park (Meadows Picnic Area)
750 Santa Anita Ave, South El Monte, CA 91733

For more information and details on Public Health Week events, visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phweek.

The Department of Public Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of the nearly 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Public Health comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an annual budget exceeding \$900 million. To learn more about the LA County Department of Public Health and the work they do, visit PublicHealth.LACounty.gov, and follow Public Health on social media at twitter.com/LAPublicHealth, facebook.com/LAPublicHealth, and youtube.com/LAPublicHealth.

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